

**PATENT**

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In re Application of:

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF  
NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF DATED APRIL 9, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated April 9, 2008, for which the one-month date for response is May 9, 2008.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this amendment. However, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, the Director is authorized to deduct such fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2065.001900.

Enclosed herewith is a revised Appeal Brief. The revised Appeal Brief includes a new section "C" (see page 15) wherein arguments for allowability of independent claim 18 (and all claims depending therefrom) has been added. Otherwise, there were no changes made to the originally filed Appeal Brief.

It is believed that the revised Appeal Brief submitted herewith overcomes all of the deficiencies noted in the April 9, 2008 Notice received from the Office.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned to the extent any further information is required or if there are any other questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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